

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Luzerne County Transportation Authority will hold a Public Hearing in the Authority's Meeting Room located at 315 Northampton Street, Kingston, PA on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 4:00 PM. At this meeting, a proposal for a Program of Projects and a request for financial assistance under the Federal Transportation Act of 1964, as amended will be considered. Prior to the hearing the POP will be available for review at the above address from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday.

The project is for Preventive Maintenance, Paratransit Transportation, Tire Lease, Purchase of Battery Packs, Associated Transit Improvements, and Land Acquisition (Acquisition, Demolition, and Construction). The term of the project is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 with funds secured from Section 5307 and will take place entirely within the service area.

The estimated cost of the entire project is:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 2,446,250
State (PennDot)	3,050,712
Luzerne County	<u>41,038</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,538,000

The first capital item is Preventive Maintenance:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 1,571,000
State (PennDot)	358,292
Luzerne County	<u>34,458</u>
	\$ 1,963,750

The second capital item is Paratransit Transportation:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 256,000
State (PennDot)	58,385
Luzerne County	<u>5,615</u>
	\$ 320,000

The third capital item is the Leasing of Tires:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 44,000
State (PennDot)	10,035
Luzerne County	<u>965</u>
	\$ 55,000

The fourth capital item is the Purchase of Battery Packs:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 62,250
State (PennDot)	<u>12,750</u>
	\$ 75,000

The fifth capital item is Associated Transit Improvements:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 23,000
State (PennDot)	<u>5,750</u>
	\$ 28,750

The sixth capital item is the Acquisition, Demolition, and Construction of additional property:

Federal (FTA)	\$ 490,000
State (PennDot)	<u>2,605,500</u>
	\$ 3,095,500

There will be no negative impact on the environment with these projects. The continuation of the operation of mass transit in the areas served by LCTA will have a positive impact.

There are no negative effects anticipated as a result of these projects, which are in conformance with land and transportation planning in this area. All projects can only assist the patron and employees but do no damage to individuals, businesses or the environment.

A special fare will be charged to eligible disabled persons and a free fare for Senior Citizens over the age of 65 during all service hours will continue with no anticipated changes. At the hearing, the Luzerne County Transportation Authority will afford an opportunity for interested persons, agencies and private carriers to be heard with respect to the social, economic and environmental aspects of the projects. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations pertaining to said projects.

If, after review by the public and a public hearing, changes are made in the Program of Projects, the revised version will be available for review at the same location and during the same hours for a period of fifteen (15) days. If no changes are made at the public hearing, the POP will become final.

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